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SUBJECT: TURKEY SEEKS SUPPORT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC
COMMISSION

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Following is the text of diplomatic note number 132186
received by the Embassy on April 14, 2003.

Begin Text:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to inform the latter that the Turkish Government has decided to present its candidature for the membership of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Executive Council at the elections to be held during the 22nd session of the IOC Assembly that will take place on 24 June - 4 July 2003, at UNESCO Headquarters Paris.

Turkey, surrounded by three major seas, is deeply interested in research and developments related to marine research sciences. As such, it has always actively participated in the work of various different international organizations competent in this field. Furthermore, Turkey firmly believes in the promotion of international cooperation in oceanographic matters.

The Turkish Government would highly appreciate the valuable support of the Government of the United States of America for its candidature to be able to work more effectively for the realization of the objectives of the IOC.

The Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurance of its highest consideration.

End Text.

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